

Plastic Bags Ordinance/Checkout Bag Ordinance

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City Clerk Agenda

To: Mayor <Mayor@cambridgema.gov>;

Cc: City Council <CityCouncil@CambridgeMA.GOV>; City Manager <CityManager@CambridgeMA.GOV>; Lopez, Donna <dlopez@cambridgema.gov>;

Dear Mayor Maher,

I would like to thank Vice Mayor Benzan and Councilor Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, and all the members of the Committee in finalizing the Plastic Bag Ordinance.

I am writing to you to urge you and all the City Councilor to pass this Ordinance as I know how environmentally important the issue of plastic bag is. I would also like to urge you to amend the Ordinance to include incentives for using reusable bags. I would like to suggest one mechanism that will be equitable as well as be very useful in collecting metrics is for retailers to give cash rebate (say 0.25 or 0.5% of the total bill) for bringing one's own reusable bags or to charge the same amount for paper bags.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully yours,

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